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SUBJECT: ERITREAN REFUGEES IN NORTH YEMEN

1. FOREIGN MINISTER ABDALLAH AL-ASNAJ TOLD ME ON JUNE 23 THAT OVER ONE HUNDRED ERITREAN REFUGEES CONSISTING OF MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN, WITH MANY WOUNDED, HAVE ARRIVED IN OHDEIDAH. AL-ASNAJ SAID THAT THEY ARE COMING IN SMALL BOATS ACROSS THE RED SEA AND THAT THEY BEGAN TO ARRIVE OVER A WEEK OR SO AGO IN DRIBBLES FOLLOWING WHAT AL-ASNAJ DESCRIBED AS THE BEGINNING OF AN ANTI-CIVILIAN CAMPAIGN IN ERITREA BY THE ETHIOPIAN ARMY.

2. AL-ASNAJ EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THESE RECENT ARRIVALS MAY ONLY BE THE BEGINNING OF A MASSIVE FLOW INTO YEMEN WHICH, HE SAID, IS NOT IN A POSITION TO TAKE CARE OF
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LARGE NUMBERS OF REFUGEES.

3. COMMENT: AL-ASNAJ DID NOT ASK FOR ANY ASSISTANCE BUT IT MAY WELL BE THAT HE WAS PASSING ON THIS INFORMATION AS A WAY OF PREPARING THE GROUNDWORK FOR FUTURE REQUESTS FOR HELP. WE WILL TRY TO GET MORE INFORMATION AND, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION.

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